

**Reading Township
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 11, 2022**

The regular meeting was called to Order by Supervisor Allan Andrews at 7:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Flaucher, Parker, Andrews, Gripman and Mesarosh.

GUESTS: Adam Mesarosh, Troy Shafer, Jim & Lee Tonnies, Dan & Kirstie Pichla, Maggi Monroe, Ken McClellan, Steve & Maria Stroinski, Brad Wright, Fred Bockelman, Doug Tripp, Gary & Maureen Miller, Linda Burcewicz, Harold Farris & Jake Lashaway.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Flaucher moved, Mesarosh seconded to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2022, regular meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Pichia introduced Goose Busters of Michigan, LLC to offer their services for Canada Goose Control on Long Lake. Long Lake has an overpopulation of Canada geese inhabiting the ground.

- Gripman moved, Parker seconded to approve resolution 2022-03 hereby formally requests the assistance of the Michigan DNR on behalf of the requests made in Reading Township by Long Lake/business/etc. (or *Any/all subdivision, condo associations, apartments, businesses, lake associations, etc.*) as long as they abide by the DNR permit requirements, in the implementation of the Canada Goose Nest Destruction Program and/or Roundup/Removal Program for a 1-year period from 2022 to 2023 and additionally, to advise the Department that there shall be no cost to the Township of Reading for these programs.

Motion Carried (5-0)

Senior Services Center representative Maggie Monroe spoke and handed out various brochures for programs available at the center.

Lee Tonnies spoke to the board about various locations having junk in the yard, the condition of Hemlock Road and the vehicles and trash located at Marvin Salyer properties.

Ken McClellan spoke about attending the Hillsdale County Road Commission meetings.

COUNTY COMMISSION: None

ROAD COMMISSION: None

CEMETERY:

Jake Lashaway reports all is well with the cemeteries. Mr. Lashaway reported the driveway repairs at the West Reading Cemetery, have been completed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Andrews requested to add Troy Shafer to the Reading Fire Board as the township representative. Mr. Shafer told the board about himself. He is a resident on Ridge Drive and has had previous fire experiences on the Camden Fire Department.

- Andrews moved, Gripman seconded to appoint Troy Shafer to the Reading Fire board as township representative to fill the vacancy term ending 6/2025. Motion Carried (5-0)

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. Farris handed out his February and March monthly reports. Discussion was had about the violators and cleaning of properties. He reported they had until May 8th to complete the cleaning. He was asked about the vehicles at the Hemlock Party Store, he reported if they had a current license plate then there was nothing he could do. He has given Marvin Salyer until April 15th to clean up the property across from his house and remove the unauthorized sign.

PLANNING COMMISSION: None

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 18th at 7:00 pm at the township hall.

LIBRARY BOARD:

February 8, 2022, meeting minutes were handed out. Events are being planned for the summertime looking to using the pavilion in town.

OLD BUSINESS:

REU/Montgomery Fire Department provide Emergency Medical Services to Reading Township:

- Gripman moved, Parker seconded to turn down the request for a service contract for services provided by REU/Montgomery Fire Department. Motion Carried (5-0)

CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND / AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT UPDATE:

Mesarosh reported the township has received half of the funds, \$90,172.00 plus another small payment of \$362.92. The balance should be received at the end of the summer 2022. Before April 30, 2022, a report / summary of how we will use the funds must be submitted. We will use the Revenue Loss category with the Standard Allowance on this form. She is requesting a list of items with eligible quotes / estimates be given to her by April 15, 2022.

Drain District for Ridge Dr.:

Andrews reported no work has been done yet.

Mead Lake Channel update:

Andrews talked to the attorney, and he will investigate it and get back with him.

NEW BUSINESS:

Payment of March’s Bills and Payments:

- Mesarosh moved, Gripman seconded to approve payment of the April’s bills and payments in the amount of \$1,358.22. Roll Call: Gripman–Yes, Parker–Yes, Mesarosh–Yes, Flaughter-Yes, Andrews - Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Lake Residential Chicken Coop Ordinance:

Andrews communicated with the township attorney's office. Mr. Thompson checked into if Lake Residential Chicken Coops are allowed. His finding was that they are not allowed to be in the Lake Residential area.

Resolution – Adopt ballot language to create a new road millage:

Andrews presented to the board for approval the ballot language to create a new road millage. *Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on all taxable real and tangible personal property in Reading Township, Hillsdale County, be increased in the amount of one (1) mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) to allow for the levy of up to one (1) mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for a period of (5) five years, 2023 through 2027 inclusive, for the*

purpose of maintaining and improving roads and bridges within the Township; and shall the Township levy such millage for this purpose during such period, which will raise an estimated \$86,915 in the first year.

- Flaughter moved, Gripman seconded to approve the proposed ballot language to create a new road millage to be presented on the August 9th county ballot. Roll Call: Gripman-Yes, Mesarosh-Yes, Flaughter -Yes, Parker -Yes, Andrews –Yes. Motion Carried (5-0)

Approval Republic Waste Contract for the Transfer Station:

The contract was put on hold until the May 9th meeting. Gripman will be doing some research to get information on different vendors and pricing.

FUTURE BUSINESS:

- May 3, 2022, Election
- Republic Waste

OTHER BUSINESS:

BOARD COMMENT:

Gripman thinks the township should revisit the manufacturing of Marijuana in the township based on a possibility of receiving additional revenue.

The Board of Review March meeting minutes were handed out.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Tonnies wanted to thank Mr. Farris for his hard work.

Ms. Pichia asked what kind of help Mr. Farris was looking for.

Next Regular Meeting will be May 9, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

-Gripman moved Flaughter seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MM220411

Allan Andrews, Reading Township Supervisor

Kathy Flaughter, Reading Township Clerk